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(C) Polcouns delivered reftel points to Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Bidan on October 8. Bidan stated that Iraq has the same concerns as we do about the potential nuclear test and that Iraq "will not accept" a North Korea with nuclear abilities. Bidan concluded by saying Iraq would strongly condemn a North Korean nuclear test.

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